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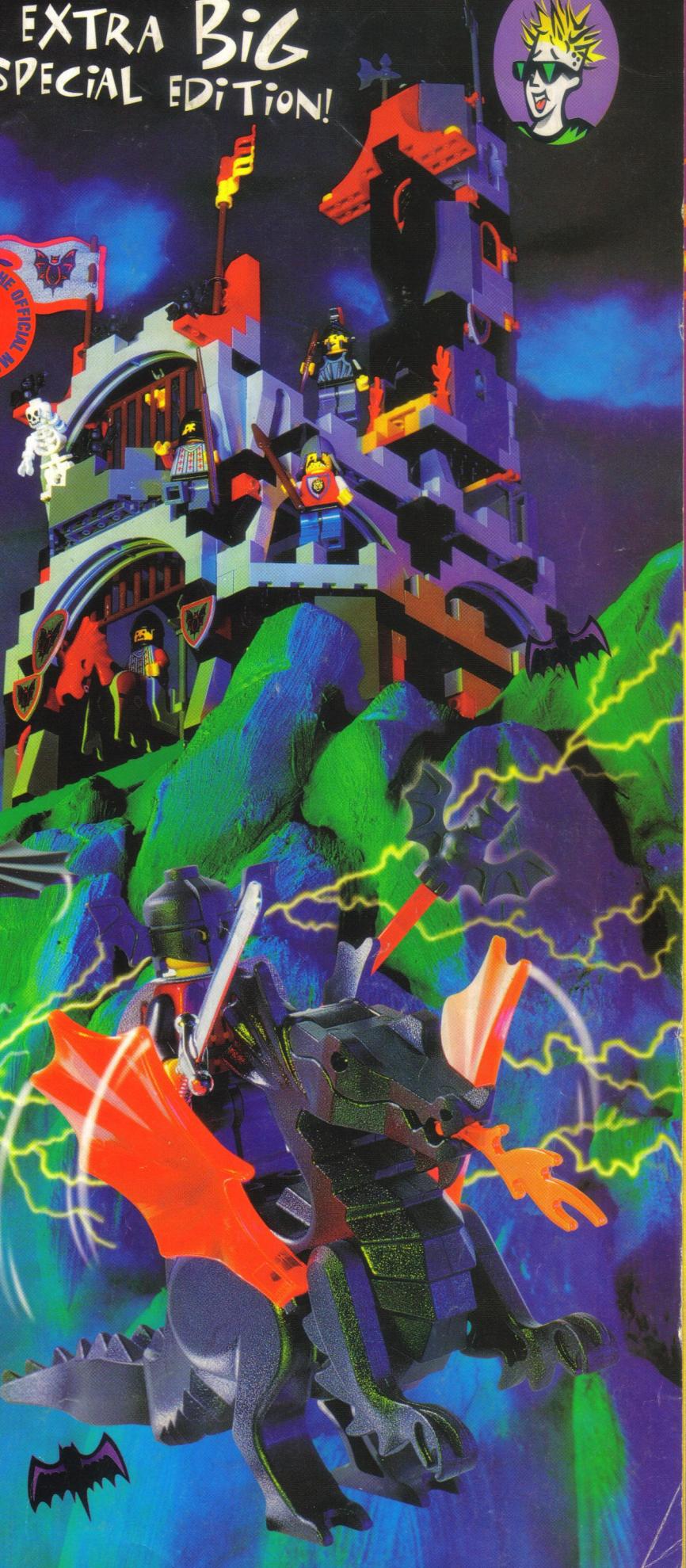
THE LEGO CLUB  
THE OFFICIAL MAGAZINE



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FRIGHTKNIGHTS

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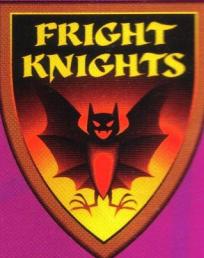
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FUN CONTEST  
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# new PossiBuildities

# Welcome to our NIGHTMARE

NEW



Willa hasn't decided whether she wants to be a good witch or a bad witch. When Willa first got her crystal ball, she turned it upside down, filled it with water, and kept her pet goldfish in it. Now she keeps her friend Skully inside.

Least favorite nickname: Witchi-poo

Favorite Nick at Night show: Bewitched

I CAN SEE YOU THROUGH MY CRYSTAL BALL.



**Willa the Witch**

We're creepy and we're spooky, mysterious and kooky. We're the Fright Knights! Just spend a night in our weird world. It's filled with fire-breathing dragons, bizarre bats, wizardly witches, scary skeletons, mystifying magic, terrifying trapdoors, puzzling passageways, and other creepy creature features.

Don't be a blockhead by the gate. Look out for falling rocks!



Trap prisoners in secret rock.

Secret revolving wall

-6037- Witch's Windship

My Windship  
has a batwing  
rotor motor.

-6027- Bat Lord's Catapult

I'm all fired  
up about this  
flame-throwing  
catapult...  
Fire away.

WHO NEEDS A  
BROOM WHEN  
YOU CAN FLY A  
WINDSHIP!

COME ON,  
DRACO, QUIT  
DRAGGIN' YOUR  
TAIL AND FLAP  
THOSE WINGS.

-6007-  
Bat Lord

Basil the  
Bat Lord

Basil is just batty about bats. His castle belfry is filled with flying mammals, from bumblebee bats to vampire bats. At night, he sleeps hanging upside down from the ceiling. When Basil wants to cruise the skies like a bat, he hops on his fire-breathing dragon, Draco, and takes off.

Favorite movie:  
Batman Forever  
Favorite place:  
The batroom



## 7 Year-Old Named "LEGO President for a Day"



Ryan Bennett

Ryan Bennett, age seven, from Missouri, was the Grand Prize Winner of the LEGO "President for a Day" sweepstakes, held at Wal-Mart stores nationwide. Ryan's name was selected from over 15,000 entries. As Grand Prize winner, Ryan got a \$1,000 shopping spree at Wal-Mart, and he and his family were flown to LEGO U.S. headquarters in Connecticut where Ryan served as the LEGO U.S. president for a day on October 14, 1996.

Ryan had a few moments during his busy schedule at LEGO headquarters to answer questions:



Ryan and LEGO president  
Peter Eio.



Ryan with LEGO Model  
designer Paul Chrzan

President Ryan Q What did you enjoy most about being the LEGO president for a day?

President Ryan I really enjoyed working with the LEGO U.S. president in his office. I also liked building my name out of LEGO bricks with LEGO Model Designer Paul Chrzan.

President Ryan Q What will you buy during your LEGO shopping spree at Wal-Mart?

President Ryan I really don't have any Castle sets and plan to buy some.





Watch out for  
the All  
New



They're twisted, they're trouble, they're the Time Twisters. Professor Millenium and his ghost, Goldie, move through time in their twisted time traveling vehicles like #6496 Whirling Time Warper, and cause trouble by changing time and swiping valuable things in time. Their sinister vehicles travel with all kinds of bizarre movements including flapping wings and twin bouncing skeleton heads. Only Dr. Cyber and the Time Cruisers can stop them.



Stay tuned next issue for more  
adventures with the Time  
Twisters and ROBOFORCE!

# Feature Story

# A Fright Night Tale



**66** On a cold, stormy night in Night Lord's Castle, Willa the Witch and Basil the Batlord relaxed by the fireplace.

Basil savagely squished a marshmallow between two graham crackers and jammed the gooey mess into his mouth. Then he began the story of how the Witch changed him from a knight into the Batlord.

"That night I stumbled upon an abandoned castle and came in out of the storm. After building a fire to dry out, I heard a chain slowly scrape **SCREE, SCREE** across the floor above me."

"As I stepped into the dark hallway, I heard a horrible, loud screeching and felt hundreds of cold, leathery fingers claw at my face. Bats! There were hundreds of vampire bats."

NIGHTS LIKE THIS  
REMIND ME OF WHEN YOU  
CHANGED ME FROM AN  
ORDINARY KNIGHT INTO  
THE BATLORD.

YOU'RE JUST  
LUCKY I DIDN'T  
TURN YOU INTO A  
SLIMY LIZARD!



# Going Batty

You've seen it happen in scary movies. A large bat swoops down out of the night sky and transforms into a cape-wearing vampire ready to bite its next victim.

These movies have made the vampire bat the most well-known bat in the world, but there are actually about 1,000 different kinds of bats. Vampire bats rarely snack on humans. They live in Mexico and South America and their favorite meals come from cows and horses. After biting an animal with their sharp teeth, vampire bats lick the blood from the cuts.

Even though some people are afraid of bats, bats are really good because they help flowers grow and they eat insects. They use sound echoes from their body as a radar system to find flying insects and other food. A small bat can catch 600 mosquitoes in one hour!



SCARED YOU PRETTY GOOD, DIDN'T I, BASIL BABY.

THEN I SAID, 'NOT SO FAST, KNIGHT. I NEED SOMEONE TO TEND MY BATS, AND YOU'RE IT.'

WITH A WAVE OF MY WAND AND A FEW MAGIC SPELL WORDS, YOU BECAME THE BATLORD.

Outside, the thunder BOOMED, Willa ran to her batwing-mobile and said, "Now let's cook up some frights for some other unsuspecting knight."

Bats live all over the world, except

where it's really hot or really cold. They hang out in trees, caves and buildings. The smallest bat is the bumblebee bat, which is the size of a bumblebee. This tiny bat weighs about what a penny weighs. The largest bats are as big as geese and live on islands in the Pacific Ocean.

DON'T TURN THE PAGE SO FAST.

WE WERE PLANNING TO HAVE YOU FOR DINNER.

Have fun creating your own "batty" adventures with Basil the Batlord and his friends.

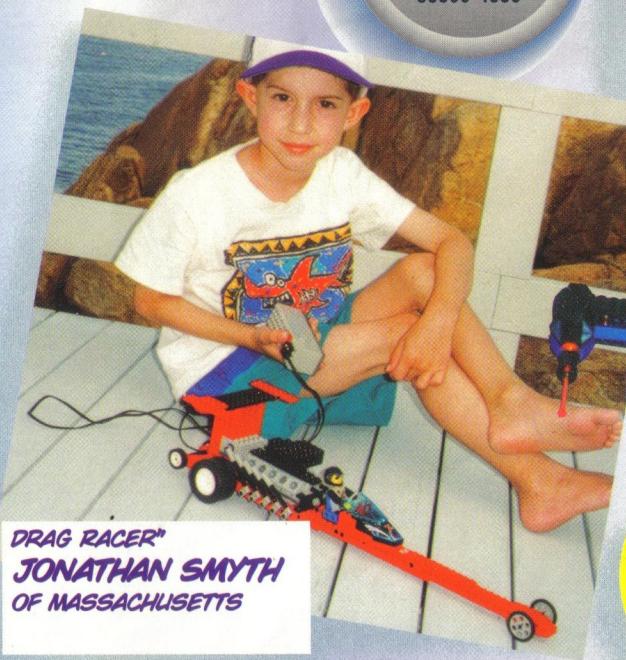
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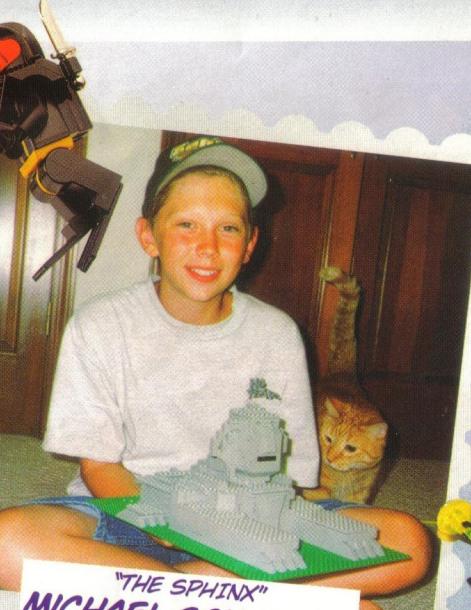
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REMEMBER to write  
your name, address,  
age and model name  
on the back of each  
photograph. Pictures  
will not be returned,  
so take an extra photo  
for yourself!



"DRAG RACER"  
JONATHAN SMYTH  
OF MASSACHUSETTS

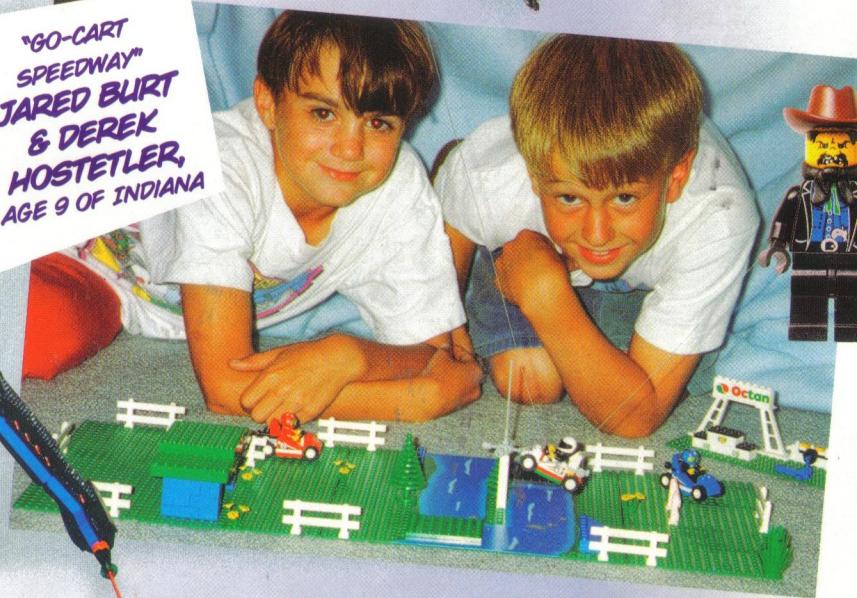
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MATT SCHINNELL,  
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MINNESOTA



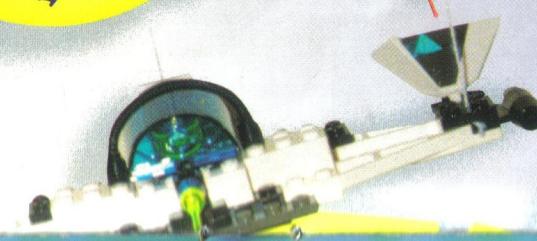
"THE SPHINX"  
MICHAEL SCHWITEK,  
AGE 12 OF ILLINOIS



"AQUATRON"  
GARTH  
L'ESPERANCE,  
AGE 8 OF WASHINGTON

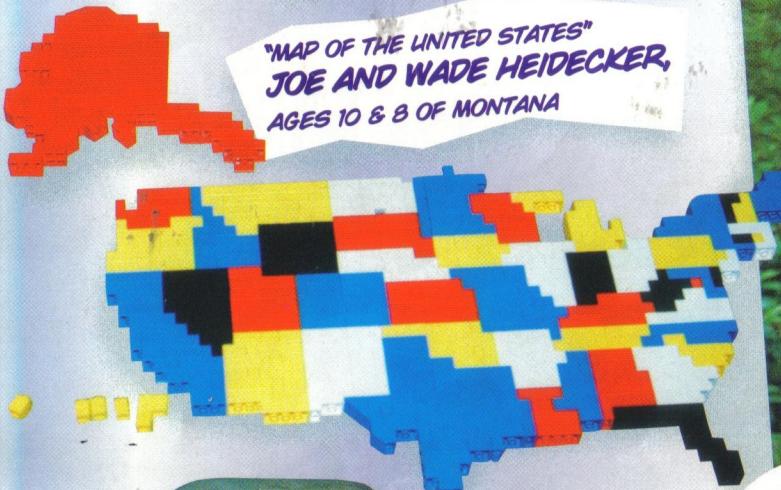


"GO-CART  
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JARED BURT  
& DEREK  
HOSTETLER,  
AGE 9 OF INDIANA

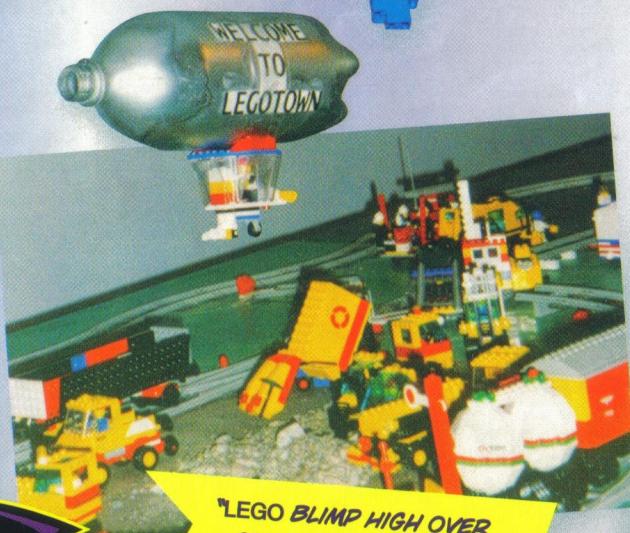




"TEX-NO-BOT"  
JAMIE SCHLUND,  
AGE 9 OF OHIO

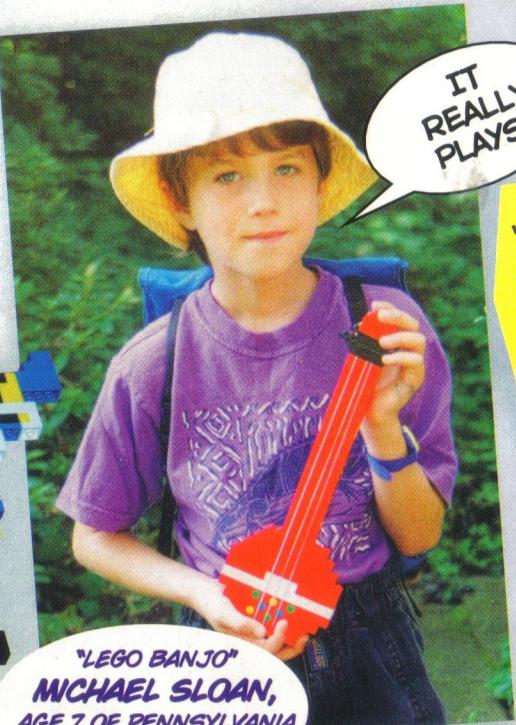


"MAP OF THE UNITED STATES"  
JOE AND WADE HEIDECKER,  
AGES 10 & 8 OF MONTANA



"LEGO BLIMP HIGH OVER  
CONSTRUCTION SITE"  
GREG HOFMANN,  
AGE 12 OF KENTUCKY

"STAR CRUISER"  
ZACK  
WIEGARDT,  
AGE 9 OF WASHINGTON



"LEGO BANJO"  
MICHAEL SLOAN,  
AGE 7 OF PENNSYLVANIA

IT  
REALLY  
PLAYS!



"PIRATE'S ISLAND HIDE-AWAY"  
GARY MULE,  
AGE 10 OF NEW YORK



"DIG-N-  
RESCUE"  
ERIC KOO,  
AGE 7 OF  
CALIFORNIA



"LEGO-HEIM"  
LAUREL DIMMICK  
AGE 8 OF CALIFORNIA

## MASKED BANDIT CONTEST WINNERS

September/October 1996  
LEGO Mania Magazine

Tyler Bostedl, Wisconsin  
Spencer Hofstee, Washington  
Craig Iacovino, Pennsylvania  
Paul Swanick, Missouri  
Ricky Collins, Washington  
David Ross, Kentucky  
Ryan Lee, Florida  
Avromi Yurman, New York  
Casey O'Callaghan, Illinois  
Josh Zavs, Michigan

WANTED



Flatfoot Thompson  
for the robbing  
of the Gold City  
Junction Bank

#6097

# Night Lord's CASTLE

FREE  
Bonus  
"full out"  
Poster

Welcome to my castle. I am Basil the Bat Lord. Let me give you a quick tour of the place. You'll have to watch your step. One false move could be your last, and I don't want a hassle in the castle.



One yank on the chain and the gate crashes on any gatecrashers.



In case an unwanted visitor gets past the gate a pot of rocks will be there to greet them.



At the end of the hall is a nice cozy fireplace. But pull the pin and watch it spin. It turns into a secret passage.



On the first floor the witches tower is where most of the magic happens. Willa the Witch keeps her crystal ball here, watch out for the skull that pops up!

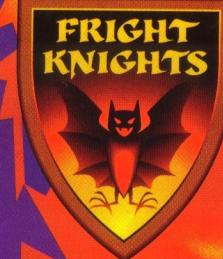


Follow me through the wall and past the skeleton. On the second floor is where we lock up any unruly visitors.

Third floor. Jewels and treasure.



And on the roof is our telescope so we can keep an eye on things.





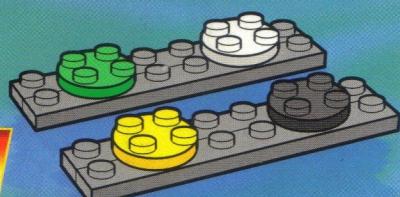


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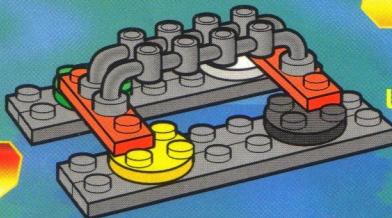
# RESCUE COPTER....

or Create your own Copter  
using pieces from your LEGO collection!  
Club member, Tino Maik Heuberger,  
age 6 of California inspired  
this awesome copter.

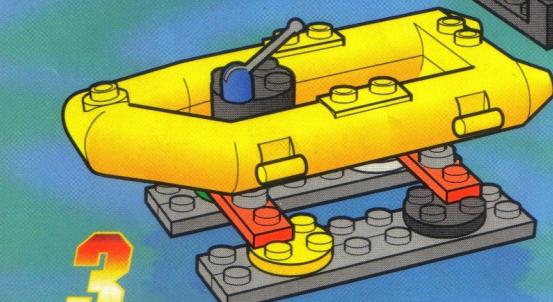
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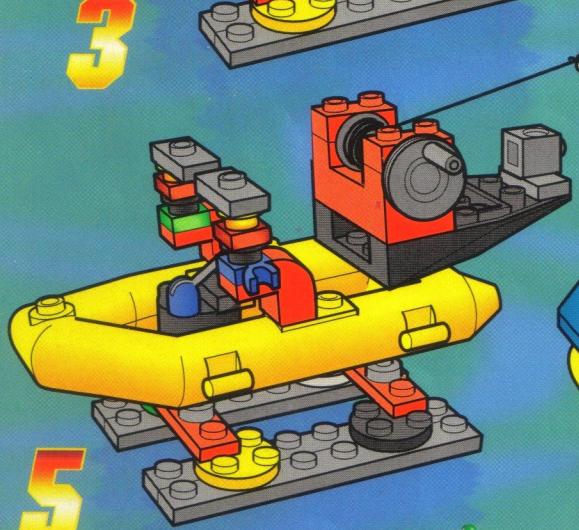
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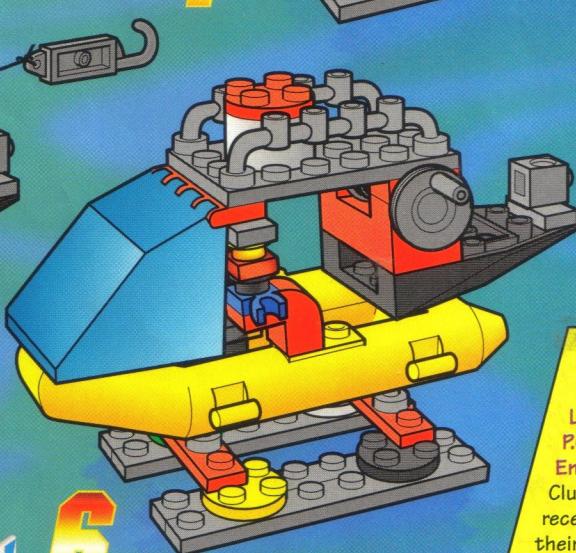
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at your local  
toy store!

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## Adventures on LEGO Island

LEGO CD-ROM Game  
video conference



Daniel  
Armendariz



In May 1997, the first ever LEGO CD-ROM game, "Adventures on LEGO Island" will be available at a store near you. Nine-year-old Joseph Green from California, and eleven-year-old Daniel Armendariz from Texas, won the chance to help Mindscape develop the game.

Daniel and Joseph participated in a video conference with Mindscape's top LEGO product designers. Here are some of their recommendations for the game:

Daniel:

"Get out of town," said Daniel, as he imitated the deep, raspy voice of the Brickster character. Daniel also demonstrated how a LEGO character should walk — "stiff, with the heads moving only from side to side — and don't bend the elbows."

"Add obstacles so you can ride over them and shoot forward."

"The Brickster should be able to hide anywhere on the island. LEGO people can give you clues about where to find him. It's more fun if the clues are spoken, because reading can get boring."

Joseph:

"Use a lot of 3D effects in LEGO Island because 3D makes it feel more like real life."

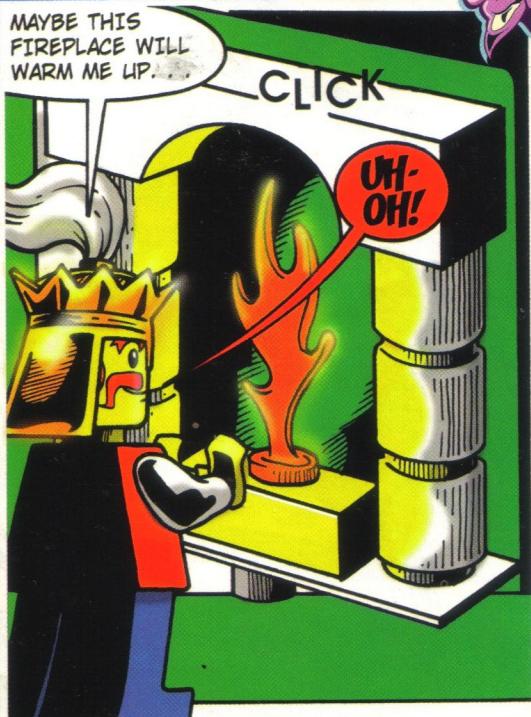
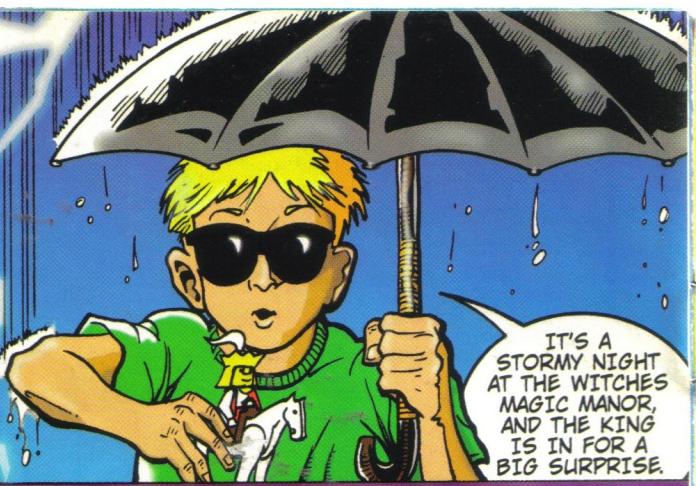
"Put in rolling sounds of the skateboard, but not always the same sounds."

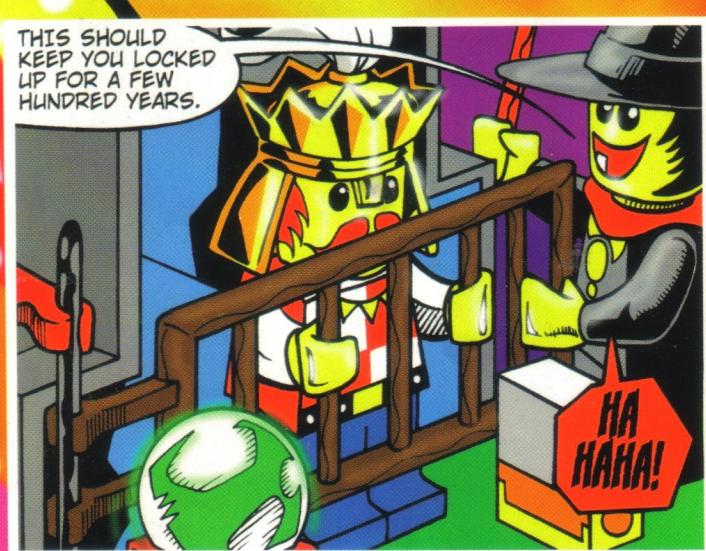
"Pepper the pizza delivery dude should be like Bart Simpson. And when the Brickster tries to stop Pepper from delivering pizzas, Pepper throws pizzas at him."

Look for the "Adventures on LEGO Island" CD-Rom game in May 1997.

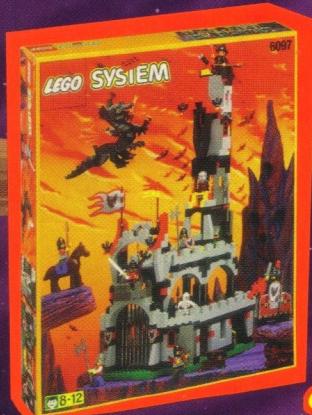


# the Adventures of the LEGO Maniac





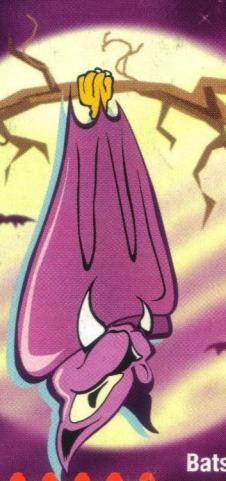
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#6097 Night Lord's Castle

Cut here and mail by March 27, 1997

You could  
win this  
cool set!



# Go Batty and get a prize!

Bats like to hang around the roost upside down. They're hanging out in the magazine and driving everybody batty. Can you find all the bats that are hanging upside down? Count them and put the number on the contest entry form. The first 10 randomly selected entries with the correct number of hanging bats will win a LEGO set of their choice (up to \$100 value). Winners will be notified by mail by April 27, 1997.

## How to Enter:

Just count the number of upside-down bats found in the magazine and fill in your answer on the contest entry form.

Cut it out and mail it by March 27, 1997 to:

Go Batty Contest  
LEGO MANIA Magazine  
P.O. Box 1625  
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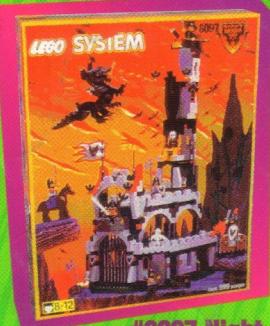


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Lord's Castle

Front View



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